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Hi Micah and Downey – I wanted to pass along these comments that were submitted in response to the monument review open comment period from the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks a lot.

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Hi Kay and Morgan – Attached you will find NRCM's comments on the review of KWWNM. They were filed today. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Comments of the Natural Resources Council of Maine on DOI-2017-0002 Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument May 23, 2017

The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) is a statewide, member-supported conservation organization established in 1959 and located in Augusta, Maine. We have 20,000 members and supporters located in all sixteen counties of Maine, including Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Aroostook counties, all of which include portions of the Katahdin region.

NRCM was instrumental in the establishment of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, the restoration of fisheries in the Penobscot River through the removal of three major dams, the adoption of the state's Forest Practices Law, Liquidation Harvesting Law, Land For Maine's Future program, Billboard Law, and Bottle Bill, all of which directly affect the Katahdin region, and a wide variety of other statewide policies affecting forests and wildlife, healthy waters, climate and clean energy, and sustainable communities. Information on all of our work can be found at www.nrcm.org.

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument was the product of a large-scale, statewide, multi-year dialogue with key stakeholders who shaped the ultimate outcome.

For the past decade, Maine people have been discussing, learning about, and debating various proposals related to lands purchased by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. (EPI), which EPI wanted to donate to the American people to be enjoyed in perpetuity. This very public and inclusive process can be measured through literally thousands of news articles, editorials, letters to the editor, meetings, presentations, and public and private events.

During the five years leading up to the August 24, 2016 establishment of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (the Monument), NRCM staff were involved in hundreds of presentations, meetings, debates, hearings, listening sessions, and one-on-one conversations with residents of the Katahdin region, interest groups, and local, state, and federal elected officials about the initially proposed national park, and eventually about the Monument. To suggest that this Monument had insufficient public input prior to its designation is patently absurd. This has been one of the most discussed and debated land conservation-related topics in Maine over the past 10 years.

The proposal for a national park made in 2011 evolved significantly as a result of those hundreds of discussions. Areas where hunting and snowmobiling would be permanently guaranteed were added. The proposal increased in size when it evolved to include both a national park and national recreation area (during 2014-15 discussions), but then was significantly decreased in size when it was designated a Monument in 2016, although the areas open to snowmobiling and hunting remained.

Although there was significant opposition to the original proposal for a national park in 2011, over the years of discussions and changes to the proposal based on input received, the Monument now has very broad support in the Katahdin region and across the state of Maine. Already, just nine months after designation, businesses have seen an increase in economic activity and are expanding, reservations are up, new businesses are opening, visitation is increased, and real estate prices (which had been significantly depressed over years of economic downturn) have begun to rise. The people in the region have a sense of hope and opportunity that they have not experienced in decades.

Former opponents are now some of the most outspoken supporters of the Monument. Elected officials, grocery store owners, and snowmobile rental and lodge owners are just some of the former opponents who are now speaking up in support. They are joined in support by the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, the Houlton Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Innkeepers Association, and hundreds of businesses statewide, all of whom recognize that the Monument will benefit the entire state. The most recent poll shows 72% support for the Monument statewide, including 66% support in the 2nd Congressional District.

Demonstrating the extent to which Maine people have been following this issue, a May 2015 poll by Moore Research, a year prior to designation, found 67% support vs. 25% opposed to establishment of a national park, with only 8% choosing a "Don't Know" response. In the October 2016 Critical Insights poll mentioned above conducted two months after designation, only 6% responded "Don't Know" to a question that found 72% support and 22% opposition to the new Monument. Clearly, Maine people had a good understanding of and well established positions on this matter well in advance of designation. To suggest that there has not been sufficient awareness, engagement, involvement, and dialogue on this subject statewide and among key stakeholders is not accurate. (Copies of these poll questions are attached as Exhibit C.)

The Monument is also supported by recreational users of all types from hunters and snowmobilers to hikers, anglers, wildlife watchers, and bicyclists. Because the land was previously private, there was no guarantee that it would be open for recreational uses prior to the establishment of the Monument. The Monument permanently guarantees snowmobile corridors and the opportunity to hunt on the eastern portion. It also provides the opportunity for scenic drives, fishing, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, and other recreational activities.

There were hundreds of public outreach events over five years.

Since early 2011, NRCM staff have been involved in a multi-year, statewide effort to connect with members of the public to discuss and promote dialogue about EPI's proposal to protect their privately-owned lands by transferring them to the federal government. We participated in literally hundreds of public outreach events and meetings to foster conversation, gather reactions and input, and provide that information to EPI to reflect in modifications to their proposal.

Meetings ranged from informal one-on-one meetings with residents of the Katahdin region to official meetings hosted by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Senator Angus King, Congressman Rob Bishop (Utah), and Congressman Bruce Poliquin. At the official event in Orono in May 2016 hosted by Director Jarvis and Senator King, almost 1400 people attended, of whom 1200 were supporters of the proposed Monument. We believe this is the largest number of people to attend a public hearing on a conservation issue in Maine history. At the field hearing two

weeks later hosted by Rep. Bishop, and the public meeting immediately thereafter hosted by Rep. Bruce Poliquin in East Millinocket, about 200 people attended. Supporters outnumbered opponents 4 to 1.

NRCM staff participated in at least 71 meetings attended by hundreds of residents of the Katahdin region. Those meetings included one-on-one meetings with municipal and civic leaders and business owners in the region. In each of these meetings, we shared information about the proposal and solicited feedback. That feedback was shared with EPI, and over time changes were made to the proposal to respond to the comments received.

Additional public outreach events in the Katahdin region included focus groups, a telephone town hall in which 5000 people participated, and evening open houses at East Millinocket and Medway public schools in 2015.

In additional to those meetings with residents of the Katahdin region, NRCM staff made at least 72 public presentations about the proposal across the state. These were attended by thousands of people. Every presentation included an opportunity for questions and answers. In Nov. 2015, a petition in support of Katahdin Woods and Waters was signed by 13,500 individuals living in 371 Maine towns, all 50 states, and 53 countries. (A news release announcing this support and a list of the 371 Maine towns represented is attached as Exhibit E.)

Finally, although we were not present at the meetings, we are aware that Lucas St. Clair also had hundreds of separate meetings and conversations with residents of the Katahdin region and across the state between 2011 and August 2016.

A <u>partial</u> list of these public outreach events is attached as Exhibit A.

There were dozens of consultations with relevant stakeholders over five years.

Over the course of five years, there were multiple meetings with a wide variety of relevant stakeholders to solicit their input about the proposal. Types of stakeholders consulted included federal, state, regional, and local officials; recreational users including hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, guiding, cross-country skiing, and biking groups; forest products industry-related entities including landowners, paper mill operators, paper mill workers and loggers; business-related groups including multiple chambers of commerce and hundreds of individual businesses; and others. A <u>partial</u> list of those with whom NRCM staff or EPI and its representatives met includes:

Federal, state, regional, and local officials:

- Maine's Congressional Delegation, including Sen. Angus King, Sen. Susan Collins, Rep. Mike Michaud, Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Rep. Chellie Pingree
- The Governor of Maine and his staff
- Members of the Millinocket Town Council
- Members of the Selectboards of East Millinocket, Medway, Sherman, Stacyville, Patten, and Mt.
 Chase
- Members of the Penobscot County Commissioners
- Members of the Maine Legislature, both House and Senate
- Members of the Bangor City Council
- Lincoln Town Manager

Recreational users:

- Snowmobile clubs in the Katahdin region including the Bowlin Matagamon, Twin Pines, Jo Mary Riders, Northern Timber Cruisers, and East Branch Sno-Rovers Snowmobile Clubs
- Hunting, fishing, and guiding groups including Trout Unlimited, Maine Wilderness Guides
 Organization, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, and Maine Professional Guides Association
- Hiking, camping, wildlife watching, cross-country skiing, and biking groups including Appalachian Mountain Club, Sierra Club, Maine Audubon, New England Mountain Bike Association, The Wilderness Society, and National Parks and Conservation Association

Forest products industry:

- All of the major landowners owning land adjacent to the Monument
- The manager of the East Millinocket paper mill
- The head of the union representing the paper mill workers at the East Millinocket paper mill and a group of workers
- Maine Forest Products Council
- Hard wood manufacturing businesses in the Katahdin region including Maine Heritage Timber, Larry's Wood Products, Inc., and Sherman Wood Works, Inc.
- The New England Forestry Foundation

Business related entities:

- Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce
- Katahdin Area Rotary Club
- Houlton Chamber of Commerce
- Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce
- Maine State Chamber of Commerce
- Maine Innkeepers Association
- 200 Maine businesses that endorsed EPI's proposal (See attached list, Exhibit D)

Others:

- Penobscot Indian Nation
- Millinocket AARP
- East Millinocket and Medway Seniors groups
- Patten Women's Group
- Superintendents of Schools in Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway
- Millinocket Regional Hospital

In addition to these meetings, we know that EPI and its representatives had numerous other meetings with stakeholders in each of these categories.

With many of these stakeholders, there were multiple meetings as we worked to incorporate their ideas into the proposal and resolve concerns. After coordination with these stakeholders, the overwhelming majority of them supported the Monument.

There are no relevant stakeholders of whom we are aware with whom there were no consultations.

The Monument is already providing significant economic benefit to the Katahdin region.

In 2013, an independent consulting firm, Headwaters Economics, conducted two studies analyzing the likely economic impact of a new national park in the Katahdin region. Those reports can be found at http://headwaterseconomics.org. Those studies found that, based on the experience of other national park units in other similar areas, the Katahdin region was likely to experience a net positive impact in jobs, personal income, and population.

More than 3,000 copies of those studies were widely shared in the Katahdin region and across the state. No credible alternative analysis disputed those findings. In fact, a group of highly respected Maine economists, including the former Maine State Economist, reviewed the report and signed a positive letter about its findings.

Nine months after designation (and before the major summer season has even started), the positive economic impacts of the Monument are already being felt. Businesses, including lodges, restaurants, grocery stores, and hardware stores, have seen increased business and are expanding to service new visitors. New businesses including snowmobile, canoe, and bicycle rentals and new lodging and eating facilities are opening. Real estate businesses report a significant jump in real estate sales. All of these businesses have added employees to serve the increased demand.

Former opponents have now embraced the Monument.

Many former opponents of the Monument have now embraced it. They are seeing the positive economic impact on the region. And perhaps just as important, they are seeing the hope and optimism the designation has brought to the region.

Rep. Steve Stanley, the Maine legislator who represents the Katahdin region and who sponsored a bill opposed to the Monument one year ago, is now an outspoken supporter. He has joined local residents in trying to ensure that there are adequate signs for visitors to find the Monument. Other local officials, including Millinocket Town Councilor Jesse Dumais and Patten Selectman Richard Schmidt, are now publicly talking about how they can best position their communities to take economic advantage of the Monument.

NRCM has surveyed local newspaper coverage on this issue and found that there has been an overwhelming volume of engagement and public support. In the three years prior to designation of the Monument, by our count, at least 257 letters to the editor and op-eds in support of the Monument were printed in Maine newspapers. Since Aug. 24, 2016, an additional 92 letters and opinion pieces supporting the Monument have been printed. Attached to these comments as Exhibit B is a list of those letters to the editor and opinion pieces. This is likely the largest number of letters to the editor and opinion pieces submitted to Maine newspapers about any conservation issue in the state's history.

The Monument permanently guarantees access for recreational uses.

Prior to designation of the Monument, the land comprising the Monument was privately owned by EPI. Under Maine law, members of the public have no legal right to cut timber, hunt, snowmobile, camp, or drive on privately owned land. After closing their privately owned land to public access for a period of

time after purchasing the land, EPI opened their land and gave permission for some types of public access. They allowed public vehicle use in limited areas, and hiking, wildlife watching, fishing, biking, and camping. In addition, they allowed hunting on the east side of the Monument, and they allowed snowmobile use on defined trails.

With the designation of the Monument, all of those uses that were previously allowed only by the permission of the landowners have been permanently guaranteed. Any suggestion that traditional uses on the land have been limited by the Monument is false. The public previously had no legal rights to many uses on EPI's privately owned lands, but now the public has permanently protected rights for a broad range of uses on this public land in perpetuity.

Pursuant to the Executive Order dated April 26, 2017, Katahdin Woods and Waters does not meet the criteria for review by the Secretary of the Interior.

Because it underwent extensive public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders as outlined above prior to designation, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument does not meet the criteria justifying review by the Secretary of the Interior. Therefore, factors (i) through (vii) in the Executive Order are irrelevant to Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Based on this summary of the broad-based, multi-year public dialogue that occurred prior to designation of the Monument, with targeted engagement with relevant stakeholders, we conclude that the Secretary of Interior's review of Katahdin Woods and Waters should be promptly terminated following closure of the public comment period. This review process is discouraging investment and jobs in the Katahdin region as the major summer tourist season approaches. A public statement announcing the end of the review process should be immediately issued so that this cloud of uncertainty currently hanging over the Katahdin region can be removed and the communities in the region can get on with their business of promoting this remarkable Monument as an asset for the region, the state of Maine, and the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine & Johnson

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EXHIBIT A

Public Outreach Event Name	Location	Date
Meeting With Secretary Salazar and Director Jarvis	Millinocket	8.18.2011
Medway Town Meeting	Medway	8.18.2011
Meeting between Roxanne Quimby, Dave Edson and Gov. LePage	Augusta	11.1.2011
Panel on North Woods issues at Franco American Center	Lewiston	11.7.2011
Meeting with Katahdin region residents	Millinocket	8.2 2012
Meeting with Friends of Baxter	Норе	8.8.2012
Meeting with Penobscot Indian Nation	Old Town	8.15.2012
Meeting with Trout Unlimited	New Gloucester	8.15.2012
Meeting with Maine Professional Guides Association	Augusta	9.18.2012
Meeting with Maine Pulp and Paper Association	Augusta	9.19.2012
Meeting with Bangor Chamber of Commerce	Bangor	9.19.2012
Meeting with Forest Society of Maine	Bangor	9.19.2012
Meeting with Baxter State Park Superintendent	Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Millinocket School Superintendent	E. Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Medway residents	Medway	10.4.2012
Meeting with Milllinocket residents	Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Mllinocket business owner	Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with East Millinocket teacher	E. Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with East Millinocket School Superintendent	Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with Medway business owner	Medway	10.24.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Real Estate Company	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Meeting with snowmobile club official	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Two meetings withh Millinocket business owners	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Town Councilor	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Regional Hospital	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Millinocket business owner	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Katahdin region State Representative	Augusta	12.13.2012
Meeting with group of Millinocket residents	Millinocket	12.13.2012
Multiple Individual Meetings - Katahdin region	Millinocket	1.23.2013
East Millinocket Mill Manager and Union employees Meeting	E. Millinocket	1.23.2017
Katahdin Forest Management President Meeting	Millinocket	1.24.2013
Three meetings with Millinocket business owners	Millinocket	6.26.2013
Meeting with Millinocket Town councilor	Millinocket	6.26.2013
Meeting with Patten business owner	Patten	6.26.2012
Large meeting of Katahdin region residents	Millinocket	8.13.2013
Tabled at Oquossoc Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day	Oquossoc	8.13.2013
Meeting with Penobscot County Commissioner	Bangor	9.10.2013
Meeting with Sen. King's staff	Bangor	9.10.2013
Meeting with East Millinocket Selectman	E. Millinocket	9.11.2013
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	9.11.2013
Meeting with Stacyville Selectmen	Stacyville	9.12.2013
Meeting with Patten business owner	Patten	9.24.2013
Art and the National Park	Bath	3.7.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Town Councilor	Millinocket	4.16.2014
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	4.15.2014
National Park Presentation	Bangor	4.15.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Town Manager and Town Councilor	Millinocket	4.16.2014
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Meeting with Lincoln former official	Augusta	4.23.2014
Meeting with Lincoln business owner	Lincoln	4.28,2014
Meeting with Penobscot County Commissioner	Bangor	4.28.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Town Manager	Lincoln	5.7.2014
Meeting with Lincoln business owner	Lincoln	5.7.2014
Meeting with Medway business owner	Medway	5.7.2014
Meeting with East Millinocket business owner	E. Millinocket	5.7.2014
Meetings with 11 separate business owners	Millinocket	5.8.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Lakes Chamber of Commerce	Lincoln	5.20.2014
Meetings with 8 separate business owners	Millinocket; Medw	5.21.2014
Presentation at Woods at Canco	Portland	5.27.2014
Meetings with 7 business owners	Millinocket	6.4.2014
National Park Presentation	Hampden	6.25.2014
Bird the Park event	KWWNM	6.28.2014
Meeting with Chair Millinocket Town Council	Millinocket	7.11.2014
Meetings with 9 business owners	Millinocket	7.11.2014
National Park Presentation	Freeport	7.16.2014
Bike the Park event	KWWNM	7.19.2014
National Park booth at Bangor Folk Festival	Bangor	8.22-24.2014
Paint the Park event with Marsha Donahue	KWWNM	8.24.2014
Hidden Valley Nature Center Field Day - tabled re: national park	Jefferson	9.6.2014
National Park talk at Moosehead Historical Society	Greenville	9.8.2014
Meeting with Penobscot Indian Nation	Old Town	9.12.2014
National Park Presentation	Bangor	9.16.2014
Meetings with 9 business owners	Millinocket	9.17.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Regional Hospital	Millinocket	9.17.2014
National Park talk at Common Ground Country Fair	Unity	9.19.2014
National Park presentation at East Sangerville Grange	E. Sangerville	9.23.2014
Meetings with 10 businesses	Millinocket	10.6.2014
Hike the Park event	KWWNM	10.11.2014
Bangor Greendrinks	Bangor	10.14.2014
Meetings with 3 Sherman businesses	Sherman	10.23.2014
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	10.23.2014
Pecha Kucha presentation on National Park	Portland	10.30.2014
Presentation to AARP	Millinocket	11.3.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Town Manager	Lincoln	12.8.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Chamber	Lincoln	12.8.2014
Meeting with Chair, East Millinocket Selectboard	E. Millinocket	12.8.2014
Presentation in Island Falls	Island Falls	12.15.2014
Meeting with Sherman Business owner	Sherman	12.16.2104
Multiple meetings with Bangor and Millinocket residents	Bangor, Millinocke	1.8.2015
Meeting with Millinocket School Superintendent	Millinocket	1.8.2015
Presentation at Stearns Senior Center	Millinocket	2.26.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	2.19.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	3.19.2015
NRCM Rising presentation at Paddy Murphy's	Bangor	3.19.2015
Presentation for seniors	Medway	3.31.2015

National Park information open house in E. Millinocket	E. Millinocket	4.16.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	5.7.2015
National Park Presentation	Blue Hill	6.4.2015
National Park debate	Millinocket	6.6.2015
National Park information open house in Medway	Millinocket	6.10.2015
National Park Presentation at Curtis Memorial Library	Brunswick	6.25.2015
National Monument display at Patagonia in Freeport	Freeport	Jul & Aug 2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	7.22.2015
National Park Presentation Orono Library	Orono	7.23.2015
National Park Presentation Belfast Library	Belfast	7.28.2015
Presentation at PechaKucha	Waterville	7.9.2015
Presentation at PechaKucha	Kennebunkport	8.27.2015
Barnard Mountain Hike	KWWNM	8.29.2015
National Park Presentation	Rockland	9.14.2015
National Park Presentation	Damariscotta	9.22.2015
National Park Presentation at CGCF	Unity	9.25.2015
National Park Presentation	Sanford	9.3.2015
Colby forum on conservation in Maine	Waterville	9.30.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	10.12.2015
Greendrinks		
	Bangor	10.13.2015
Presentation Hammond St Senior Center	Bangor	10.14.2015
Presentation at York Audubon event	Wells	10.20.2015
National Monument Presentation at UU Church	Belfast	10.21.2015
Presentation	Kennebunkport	10.22.2015
Presentation at Dirigo Pines	Orono	10.22.2015
Presentation at UU Church	Bangor	11.1.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	12.15.2015
Presentation at Avalon Village	Hampden	1.21.2016
Presentation at UU Church	Pittsfield	2.11.2016
Tabling at Banff Mtn film festival re: National Park	Bangor	2.2-3.2016
Presentation House Party	Belfast	2.6.2016
NRCM Rising ski the park event	KWWNM	3.12.2016
Presentation at Skowhegan Library	Skowhegan	3.24.2016
National Park presentation for COA students only	Bar Harbor	4.12.2016
Talk in Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	4.12.2016
National Monument Presentation at UU Church	Rockland	4.13.2016
National Monument Presentation House Party	Brunswick	4.14.2016
National Monument talk in Wiscasset	Wiscasset	4.14.2016
National Monument Presentation House Party	Bar Harbor	4.16.2016
Talk with Umaine class re: National Monument	Orono	4.19.2016
Presentation	Blue Hill	4.22.2016
Presentation at UMF	Farmington	4.7.2016
Meeting with Sen. King and Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce	Millinocket	5.16.2016
Meeting for municipal officials with Sen. Angus King and Director Jon Ja	n East Millinocket	5.16.2016
Meeting with Sen. Angus King and Director Jon Jarvis	Orono	5.16.2016
Field Hearing with Congressman Rob Bishop	East Millinocket	6.1.2016
Public Meeting with Congressman Bruce Poliquin	East Millinocket	6.1.2016
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Presentation at Kittery Land Trust	Kittery	6.2.2016
Lunch and Learn at Laudholm Farm - National Monument	Wells	5.4.2016
Ellsworth Garden Club Presentation	Ellsworth	7.26.2016
Spectrum Generations Presentation	Damariscotta	8.17.2016

EXHIBIT B

Opinion Pieces	Publication	Author	Date
	KJ	Lois Winter	Oct. 16, 2013
	PPH	Alan Caron	Oct. 31, 2013
	BDN	Anita Mueller & Mark Picard	Nov. 25, 2013
	BDN	Charlie Cirame	Nov. 26, 2013
	PPH	Glenn Vaillancourt	Mar. 12, 2014
	BDN	Sue French	Mar. 24, 2014
	PPH	Gordon Glover	Apr. 15, 2014
	BDN	Michael & Wanda Curtis	Apr. 28, 2014
	BDN	Carol Howell	5/19/14
	BDN	Georgia Manzo	6/17/14
	BDN	Diana Bell	6/21/14
	BDN	Peter Crockett	6/23/14
	BDN	Liz Hays	6/23/14
	BDN	Paul Corrigan	6/23/14
	BDN	Rod Williams	6/23/14
	BDN	Marilyn Tardy	7/1/14
	BDN	Deb King	7/4/14
	Lincoln News	Paul Corrigan	July, 2014
	BDN	Milton Gross	7/29/14
	BDN	Carly Andersen	Aug. 2, 2014
	PPH	Anita Jones	Aug. 13, 2014
	PPH	Jim Donoghue	Aug. 23, 2014
	PPH	Paul Corrigan	Aug. 23, 2014
	PPH	Cody Ray McEwen	Aug. 30, 2014
	BDN	Bonnie Wood	Sept. 15, 2014
	BDN	Richard Jagels	Sept. 16, 2014
	Presque Isle Star	Hera Bonnie Wood	Sept. 17, 2014
	Lincoln News	Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce	Sept. 18, 2014
	BDN	Samuel Gath	Oct. 2, 2014
	BDN	Steve Barker	Nov. 4, 2014
	BDN	Cloe Chunn	Nov. 5, 2014
	BDN	Alice White	Nov. 6, 2014
	BDN	Bonnie Smith	Nov. 12, 2014
	BDN	Wendy Wieger	Nov. 13, 2014
	BDN	Allen (Rod) Williams	Nov. 24, 2014
	BDN	Steve Bien	Nov. 24, 2014
	BDN	Tom Chasse	Dec. 4, 2014
	BDN	Sue & Victor Borko	Dec. 5, 2014
	BDN	Terri McLellan	Dec. 6, 2014
	BDN	Bronda Neise	Dec. 8, 2014
	BDN	Joyce Transue	Dec. 10, 2014
	BDN	Kat Gagnon	Dec. 12, 2014
	BDN	Sean Faircloth	Dec. 17, 2014
	BDN	Jym St. Pierre	Dec. 21, 2014
	BDN	Kirk Francis	Jan. 1, 2015

	BDN	Kathy Remmel	Jan. 10, 2015
	BDN	Steve Jacques	Jan. 13, 2015
	PPH	Dan Blickensderfer	Jan. 18, 2015
	BDN	Rob Lilieholm	Jan. 19, 2015
	BDN	Cody McEwen	Jan. 27, 2015
	BDN	Brad Ryder	Feb. 3, 2015
	BDN	Amy Hughes	5/18/15
	BDN	Irvin Dube	6/11/15
	Lincoln News	Group	6/16/15
	PPH	Ryan Linn	6/21/15
	BDN	Avern Danforth	6/22/15
	BDN	Michael Enos	6/24/15
	BDN	Lester Martin Sr.	6/25/15
	BDN	Michael Boland	6/27/15
	PPH	Eleanor Archer	6/28/15
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Letter to the Editor	BDN	Christine Parker	5/9/2017
Letter to the Editor	BDN	Jim Harnedy	5/10/2017
OpEd	Clare County Review	Catherine Loeb	5/12/2017
Letter to the Editor	BDN	Nathan Richardson	5/13/2017
Letter to the Editor	PPH	Caroline Knight	5/14/2017
Letter to the Editor	BDN	Andrew Eyck	5/19/2017
OpEd	BDN	Kathy Scott	5/21/2017
Letter to the Editor	Central Maine Today	Michael Degnan	5/22/2017
Letter to the Editor	BDN	Jerry Stelmok	5/23/2017

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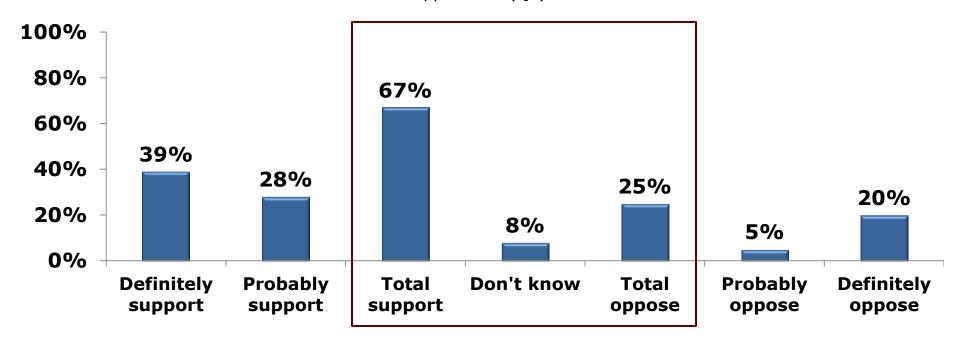
Maine C.D. 2 Voters and the North Woods National Park & Recreation Area

Views on North Woods National Park and Recreation Area

"I'd like to read you some information about a proposal to create a national park and national recreation area near Baxter State Park in Maine's North Woods.

The proposed national park and recreation area would include no more than 150,000 acres of donated forestland adjacent to Baxter State Park with half of the land designated as a national park and the other half designated as a multi-use national recreation area.

Based on this, do you support creating a national park and recreation area in Maine's North Woods or do you oppose it?" (Q1)







Natural Resources Council of Maine ~ Maine Voter Issues Poll ~

October 2016

Market Research, Public Opinion Polling

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About the Survey

Background

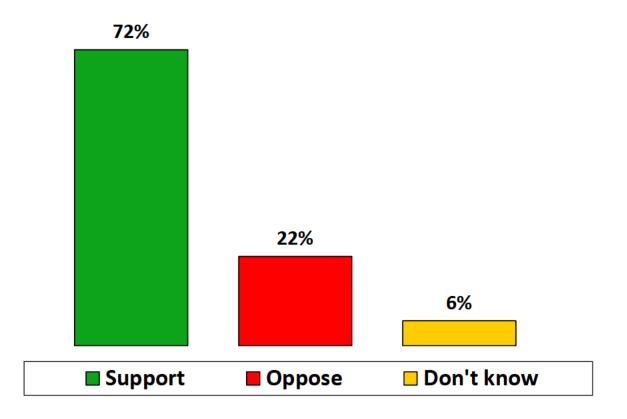
- In the Fall of 2016, the Natural Resources Council of Maine ("NRCM") contracted with Critical Insights (Portland, Maine) to conduct an exploratory issues poll of Maine voters.
- The intent of the effort was to document the attitudes and beliefs of a cross-section of voters on a range of issues of interest to NRCM.

Data Collection Overview

- Critical Insights completed a total of 405 random telephone interviews across the state between September 23rd and October 5th of 2016.
 - All interviews were conducted with self-reported registered voters; final data was statistically weighted according to relevant demographic and voter registration figures to reflect the voter base in Maine.
 - Interviews were conducted via both landline and mobile phone.
 - With a sample of 405 interviews across Maine, results presented here have an associated margin of error of ±4.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.
 - On average, the entire survey instrument including demographic items employed in sample balancing and weighting – was 10 minutes in administrative length.

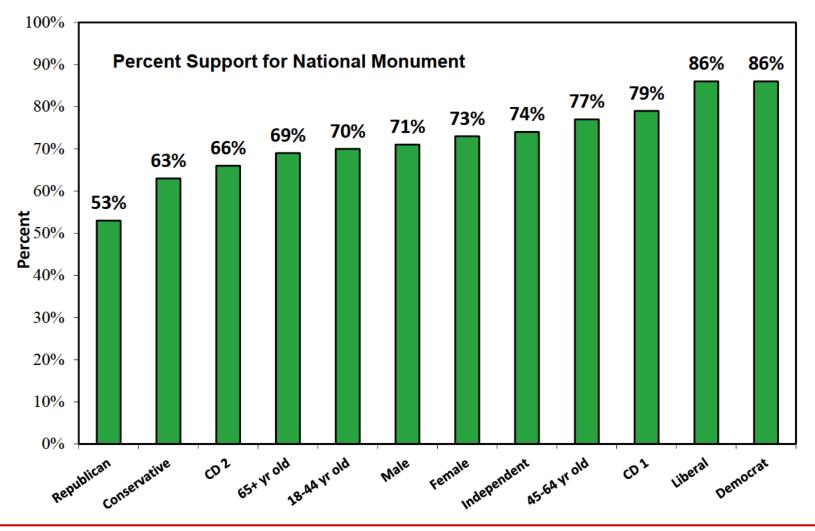
Voters Strongly Support New National Monument

Last month, 87,500 acres of land near Baxter State Park was donated to the American public and designated as "Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument." This land will be managed similar to a national park, for hiking, camping, paddling, fishing, and other recreational purposes, with some of the land open for hunting and snowmobiling. Do you support or oppose the establishment of the National Monument with guaranteed public access forever?



Majority Support for National Monument in All Subgroups

Do you support or oppose the establishment of the National Monument with guaranteed public access forever?



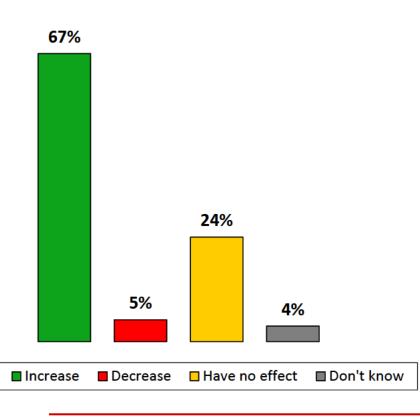
Most Voters Believe National Monument will Increase Tourism and Create Jobs

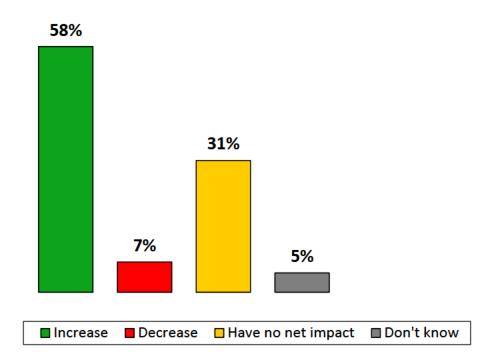
Tourism

Do you believe that the National Monument will increase, decrease, or have no effect on tourism in nearby communities?

Jobs

Do you believe that the National Monument will result in an increase in jobs, decrease in jobs, or have no net impact on the number of jobs in nearby communities?





Sample Profile

Gender	Percent
Female	52%
Male	48%

Age	Percent
18 to 34	19%
35 to 44	21%
45 to 54	23%
55 to 64	17%
65 or older	18%

Annual Income	Percent
Less than \$50,000	32%
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	23%
\$75,000 or more	36%
Refused	10%

Party Registration	Percent
Democrat	36%
Republican	30%
Unenrolled/Independent	26%
Green/Other	4%

Political Leanings	Percent
Conservative	46%
Liberal	33%
Neither conservative or liberal	17%
Refused	3%

NORTHERN: Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset. CENTRAL: Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford.

COASTAL: Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington.

SOUTHERN: Cumberland, York.

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Businesses That Support the Proposed National Park & National Recreation Area

January 28, 2015

Katahdin Region

5 Lakes Lodge, Rick LeVasseur - Millinocket

Appalachian Trail Café, *Jaime Renaud* – Millinocket

AT Lodge/Ole Man's Gear Shop, Paul Renaud - Millinocket

Baxter Park Inn, Anne & Tim Darling - Millinocket

Central Street Market, Anne & Tim Darling – Millinocket

Crandall's Hardware, *Katie Crandall* – East Millinocket

Ice Fish Inn, Sean & Catie Clark - Millinocket

Jason Campbell, MD - Millinocket

Katahdin Cabins, Michael & Nicole Mohoff - Millinocket

Katahdin Friends, Inc., Gail Fanjoy – Millinocket

Lamson Funeral Home, Chip Lamson, Millinocket

Larry's Wood Products, Inc., Larry MacArthur - Millinocket

Levasseur Hardware, Stephen Cullen – Millinocket

Mark Picard Wildlife Photography, Mark Picard – Millinocket

Moose Prints Gallery, *Anita Mueller* – Millinocket

New England Outdoors Center, Matt Polstein – Millinocket

Nicatou Outfitters, *Galen Hale* – Medway

North Light Gallery, *Marsha Donahue* – Millinocket

North Woods Real Estate, Daniel Corcoran - Millinocket

North Woods Trading Post, Sandra Bell - Millinocket

On the Edge Vacation Rentals, Dennis Smith - Millinocket

Oscar's Tea Room/Wilbur's Antiques, Dennis Smith - Millinocket

Red Moose Gift Shop, Rhonda Brophy – Patten

R&C In Home Care, Rick McLaughlin - East Millinocket

Sherman Woodworks, Joe Pratt - Sherman

Shin Pond Village, Terry Hill - Mt. Chase

The Wreath Factory, Jerri Cohen - Millinocket

The Young House Bed & Breakfast, Michelle Schumacher – Millinocket

Thyme & Moss Publishing, Georgia Manzo – Millinocket

Twin Pine Camps, LLC, Matt Polstein - Millinocket

Two Rivers Canoe & Tackle, Lowell Davis – Millinocket

Wilderness Edge Campground, Anna Hallett – Millinocket

Bangor Area

A Straight Stitch, *Jeff Norton* – Brewer

Acme Pizza & Wing Co., Steve Kilmurran – Orono

Aqua Pura, Bernadette Gaspar – Bangor

Attitudes Salon, Ann Lucas – Bangor

Bagel Central, Sonja Eldridge – Bangor

Bahaar Pakistani Restaurant, Farzana Khan – Bangor

Bangor Travel Services, Cindy Hardy - Bangor

Bangor Wine & Cheese Co., Christine Mihan – Bangor

Between Friends, Inc., *Tracy Marceron* – Brewer

Big J's Pizza, *Jolena Glidden* – Bangor

Blue Heron, Chelsea Brown - Bangor

Body Graphics Tattoo Studio, Sydney Winship – Brewer

Bumpy Road Studio, Rosalita Feero – Eddington

Celtic Moon Rising, Lorie Garnett - Brewer

Charlotte Lorraine's Consignment, *Betty McCarty* – Bangor

Choppin' Cotton Quilts, Barbara Ewing – Bangor

Cigar & Smoke Shoppe, Frank Coglitore – Bangor

Corner Store, *Barbara Cyr* – Bangor

Diana Country Craft & Gift Ship, Diane Richard - Old Town

Dick's Barber Shop, Deidra Fournier - Orono

Downeast Coins & Collectibles, Dixie Barone - Bangor

Dream Dress Bridal, Holli Owsley - Brewer

Edge Video, Dawn Godin - Bangor

Epic Sports, Brad Ryder - Bangor

Fago Electric, Robert Fago Jr. - Brewer

Fetch Grooming, *Sherri Therrien* – Brewer

Frank's Bake Shop, Bernadette Gaspar - Bangor

Fringe, Emily Herlihy - Orono

Generations Boutique, Roxanne Noddin – Brewer

Harvest Moon Deli, Meg Philippon - Orono

House of Brides, Jill Hunter-Smith - Bangor

Ichiban, Ruai Luie - Bangor

Ipanema Bar & Grill, Megan Marquis - Bangor

Jason's Pizza, Sandra Olmstead – Brewer

Knapps Music, Daniel Meck - Bangor

Lebreeze Delivery Service, *Timothy Richard* – Old Town

Lougee & Fredrick's, Linda Murphy - Bangor

Main St. Barber & Beauty, Coleen Patterson - Brewer

Maine Discovery Museum, Niles Parker - Bangor

Mark's Music, Mark Braremon - Brewer

Metropolitan Soul, *Tracy Monaghan* – Bangor

Mexicali Blues, Pete Erskine - Bangor

Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bryan Young – Bangor

Northeast Reprographics, Benjamin Metzger - Bangor

One Lupine Fiber Arts, *Jodi Clayton* – Bangor

Orono Pharmacy, Ali Ashamousa - Orono

Orono Thriftway, *Khan Mohmand* - Orono

Pat's Bike Shop, *Scott Seymore* – Brewer

Pet Pro, Alex Young - Bangor

Raegamuffins Bakery, Rachel Eugley – Veazie

Rebecca's Gift Shop, John Spellman - Bangor

Reboot Computer Services, Gerald Jenkins - Brewer

Rose Bike, *Jim Rose* – Orono

Salon Bonifacio, Guy Ortega - Brewer

Shoestring Thrift Shop, Cheryl Huskins – Brewer

Short Fuse Fireworks. Ronald Farwell - Old Town

State Wide Distributers, Michael Rodrigues - Bangor

Super Star Nails, Jimmy Pham - Bangor

Syncopation Software, Chris Dalton – Bangor

Tesoro Pizzeria & Restaurant, R. Agrusa – Bangor

Thai Siam, Chinda Rustanavibul - Bangor

The Charles Inn, Connie Boivin - Bangor

The Family Dog, Robert Cutler - Orono

The Growing Place, Sara Rice - Bangor

The Rock & Art Shop, *Annette Dodd* – Bangor

The Roost, Jim Coleman - Orono

The Ruhlin Corporation, Chris Ruhlin – Bangor

University Inn, Tracey Whitten - Orono

Valentine Footwear, Summer Allen – Bangor

Verve Burritos, Ara Foster - Orono

Verve Burritos, *Tabitha Johnson* – Bangor

Wagner Forest Management, Ltd., Tom Colgan – Bangor

What's the Scoop? Café, *Melissa Howard* – Bangor

Zen Asian Bistro, *Chinda Rustanavibul* – Bangor

Aroostook County

Bike, Board & Ski, *Thomas Chase* – Presque Isle

Bread of Life Bulk Foods, Cheryle Matowitz - Presque Isle

Country North Gifts, Shannon Cibic - Houlton

Hand Me Down Antiques, Eva Kirk – Presque Isle

Heads Up, Tish Tuttle - Presque Isle

Jean's Serendipity, Richard Slout - Houlton

Merchants on the Corner, *Chantel Graves* – Presque Isle

Mini Music & Tack Shop, Cheryl Tarly - Houlton

Modern Beauty Salon, Linda Pilsbury - Houlton

Mojo Outdoor Sports, Mark Fullen – Presque Isle

Morning Star Art & Framing, Brian Brissette – Presque Isle

Oasis Salon, Jean Brawn - Presque Isle

re-Imagined, *Jamie McKay* – Houlton

Sandra Qualey, LCPC-C - Houlton

Shelley's Cafe & Bakery, Michelle Williams - Houlton

Star City Cafe & Bistro, Dwayne Singletary – Presque Isle

The Courtyard Café, *Joyce Transue* – Houlton

Threads to Beads, *Sherri Theriault* – Presque Isle

Uncle Willy's Candy Shoppe, *Matt Sutton* – Houlton

Virtual Tech, Doug Boreland - Houlton

Volumes Book Store, Gerry Berthette – Houlton

Wilder's Jewelry, Cathy Beaulieu - Presque Isle

Acadia Region

86 This, Jeffrey Kelly-Lokocz - Ellsworth

Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, Albert Minutolo - Bar Harbor

Cara Romano Studio Jewelry, Cara Romano – Ellsworth

Cherrystones Restaurant, Meghan Bishop – Bar Harbor

Chocolatte, Christopher Marcial – Bar Harbor

Cottage Street Restaurant & Bakery, Richard Baker - Bar Harbor

Dream Catcher Antiques, *Thomas Sawyer* – Ellsworth

Echo Salon, Jefferson De Lima - Bar Harbor

Eclipse Gallery, *Ruddy C.* – Bar Harbor

Eden Rising, Delia Cyanic – Bar Harbor

Evergreen Pottery, H. Scott Stevens - Bar Harbor

Finback Ale House, *Evelina Kacprzykowska* – Bar Harbor

Finn's Irish Pub, Lorena Sterns - Ellsworth

Grasshopper Shop of Ellsworth, Linda Beauvais – Ellsworth

J + B Atlantic Company, Aziza Daigle - Ellsworth

Maine State Sea Kayak, Robert Aho - Southwest Harbor

Morton's Moo, Kirsten Henry - Ellsworth

National Park Sea Kayak Tours, Robert Aho-Bar Harbor

Old Creamery Antique Shop, Timmy Torrey - Ellsworth

Peekytoe Provisions, Drew Smith-Bar Harbor

Queen Anne Flower Shop, Maureen McGuire – Bar Harbor

Richard Park's Furniture, Aaron Piacentini – Ellsworth

Riverside Café, Leon Herrington - Ellsworth

Salt Boutique, Melissa Walls - Bar Harbor

Sand Castle Hands Gallery, Jess Morehouse – Ellsworth

Second To None Thrift Store, Lass King – Ellsworth

Seven Arts, Rebecca Krupke – Ellsworth

Siam Orchard, Hatsana Hanthan – Bar Harbor

Tangled Web, Leslie Jones - Southwest Harbor

The Cellar, Aaron Porter – Ellsworth

The Independent Café, *Tim Rich* – Bar Harbor

Thirsty Wale Tavern, *Heather Surokan* – Bar Harbor

Union River Book and Toy Company, *Michael Curtis* – Ellsworth

Washing Baby Elephants, Wendy Preston-Ward - Ellsworth

Greater Maine, Etc.

Allspeed Cyclery, Mike Davies - Portland

Attitudes Salon, Naomi Plourde - Waterville

Back Country Excursions, Clifford Krolick - Parsonfield

Bam Bam Bakery, Bevin McNulty - Portland

Berry's Stationary, *Michael Givone* – Waterville

Black Point Surf Shop, Crystal Ouimette - Scarborough

Busytown Bikes, Francois Jalbert – Lewiston

Children's Book Cellar, Ellen Richmond - Waterville

Cyclemania, Eddie Quinn – Portland

Downtown Smoothie, Mark Cunningham - Waterville

Harraseeket Inn, Rodney Gray - Freeport

Horny Toad, Ponch Membreno - Freeport

Island Falls Canoe, Jerry Stelmok – Atkinson

Larsen's Jewelry, Mark Larsen – Waterville

Loyal Biscuit Co., *Chelsie Herrin* – Waterville

Madlyn's, *Melissa Holmwood* – Waterville

Maine Made And More, *Emilos Zirtidis* – Waterville

Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center, Scott Cowger – Hallowell

Nomads, Kelly Fernald - Portland

Orvis Freeport Outlet, *Aly Fox* – Freeport

Patkus Guitars, *Dennis Patkus* – Waterville

Personal Hair Styles, Beverly Kelly – Waterville

Pine State Trading Co., Nick Alberding – Gardiner

Rainbow Bicycles, John Grenier - Lewiston

Remedy Salon + Sap, Kelly Paquette – Waterville

Roy's Bike Shop, *Mariel Roy* - Lewiston

SBS Carbon Copy, *Martha Stevenson* – Waterville

Sebasco Harbor Resort, Bob Smith - Sebasco

Sign of the Sun, *James Egerton* – Waterville

Silver Street Tavern, *Andrea Shorty* – Waterville

The Tackle Shop, *Dana Eastman* – Portland

Organizational Endorsements

Friends of Baxter State Park

Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce

Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce

Katahdin Rotary Club

Maine Innkeepers Association

Twin Pines Snowmobile Club, Millinocket

EXHIBIT E

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release November 10, 2015

Contact: Judy Berk, 207.462.2192

Widespread Support in Maine, Across U.S. for New National Park Petition Signers in 80% of Maine Towns, 50 States, and 53 Nations

Bangor, ME—Today a group of citizens called on Maine's Congressional delegation to help create a new National Park and National Recreation Area in the Katahdin region that could generate hundreds of new jobs in towns where mill closures have had a widespread economic impact. Members of the group today will deliver petitions to Congressional offices in Bangor, Waterville, and Augusta.

The petition was signed by more than 13,500 individuals living in 371 Maine towns, all 50 states, and 53 countries. The group also released a list of endorsements from groups, businesses, and individuals, and a compilation of public opinion surveys documenting overwhelming statewide support for a new National Park and National Recreation Area in Maine. The *Bangor Daily News* endorsed the proposal in an editorial published on Friday, November 6, 2015.

Gail Fanjoy, President of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "I am heartened and moved to be here today to bring attention to the widespread support that we are now seeing for an important economic development proposal for the Katahdin region—the creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area. As a lifelong citizen of Millinocket, with deep roots in the community, I am intimately familiar with the challenges we are facing on a daily basis. The Millinocket mill is gone for good and the East Millinocket mill has been sold for salvage. The Old Town mill is closed and the Lincoln mill has filed for bankruptcy. For many in our communities, despair has settled in as the situation has gone from bad to worse. We absolutely will continue to work hard to maintain as many forest products jobs as possible, but we also need economic diversification—which a National Park can provide."

In March 2014, the Board of Directors of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce voted to endorse the proposed National Park and National Recreation Area that would be established on up to 150,000 acres east of Baxter State Park. Elliotsville Plantation Inc. would donate land and a \$40 million endowment toward establishment of the park, amounting to a \$100 million total investment.

The proposal also has been endorsed by the Bangor City Council, Katahdin Area Rotary Club, Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce, Maine Innkeepers Association, and more than 200 individual businesses, including Wagner Forest Management, Pine State Trading Company, Epic Sports, and many more.

Notably, the petition released today includes signatures from 80 percent of Maine's 458 towns, including the Katahdin region towns of Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway, Mount Chase, Patten, Sherman, Island Falls, Linneus, Houlton, Indian Purchase, Chester, Lincoln, Brownville, and Springfield. Of the 13,580 petition signatures, 330 are from individuals living in 53 other countries—demonstrating that the concept of creating a new National Park in Maine could tap into the broad market of international visitors who come to the U.S. to visit national parks.

Lindsay Hill Downing of Mt. Chase said, "As a student at Katahdin High School, I never imagined that I would return to the Katahdin region because there was so little opportunity. But the prospect of a National Park and Recreation Area in my backyard has opened up a great new opportunity. A National Park will bring people to the Katahdin region and they will spend money. They will buy groceries at the family-owned grocery store, rent outdoor equipment for their adventures, and they will want exceptional lodging. Northern Maine is an astonishing place to visit; it has just gone unrecognized. A National Park will put Mt. Chase and the Katahdin region on the map. And I just know that once people have visited, they will return. This part of Maine is a treasure, worthy of national recognition."

Allan Hewey, owner of The Charles Inn said, "Creating this new National Park seems like a 'no brainer' to me. I have been in the hospitality business for a long time and I know that people love to visit Maine. The National Park Service's unparalleled brand recognition will attract people to interior and northern Maine who have never visited that area before, and they will love what they see. Most of those people will pass through Bangor, which will be good for our hotels, restaurants, retail stores, conference facilities, and airport. I look forward to hosting guests at The Charles Inn and giving them information about the nation's newest National Park. We urge our Congressional delegation to help find a path to make this proposal a reality."

Ken Olson, retired President and CEO of Friends of Acadia, said, "Today we're here to demonstrate the strong support for creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area east of Baxter State Park. The proposal still faces some opposition—as did Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, and the Bigelow Preserve. But in each of those cases, the proposals moved forward on their merits. Proponents successfully made the case that protected parklands are, among other things, desirable community assets. They make nearby towns more economically vital and more attractive as places to visit, live, and start a business. I believe that supporters of this new National Park and National Recreation Area are on the right side of history. If this opportunity is seized, economic and other benefits will start flowing into a region that desperately needs this kind of investment. Let's get this done in 2016, the 100th birthday of both Acadia National Park and the National Park Service."

The news conference also featured speakers from communities around the state who signed the petition in support of the National Park and National Recreation Area. Each person explained why they believe the proposal will benefit Maine today and in the future.

The petition released today reinforces the results of numerous public opinion surveys conducted over the past five years.

Gail Fanjoy said, "It's clear to me that the overwhelming majority of Maine people understand the economic and recreation benefits that would flow from a new National Park in the Katahdin region. The people who have signed this petition are but a small sampling of the tens of thousands of people who live right here in Maine who think creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area is a good idea."

The group released opinion survey data from October 2011 and from April, May, and October 2015 showing overwhelming support. One survey conducted earlier this year, by a national recognized Republican Polling Firm, found that voters in Maine's 2nd Congressional District support creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area by 67% to 25%.

The petition to Maine's Congressional delegation—signed by 13,580 people, including 2,750 from Maine—reads:

"I urge Maine's Congressional delegation to support the creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area east of Baxter State Park, as proposed by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. The proposed National Park and National Recreation Area would have significant conservation and recreation benefits, and would stimulate much-needed economic development in the Katahdin region and beyond. That is why the proposal has earned the endorsement of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce and Katahdin Rotary Club, among others. I urge Maine's Congressional delegation to support legislation in Washington, D.C. to establish the new National Park and National Recreation Area."

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Mainers in 371 Towns Have Already Signed Petition for National Park

Acton	Calais	Falmouth	Jonesboro	Mount Vernon	Randolph	Swans Island
Addison	Cambridge	Farmingdale	Jonesport	New Gloucester	Rangeley	Swanville
Albion	Camden	Farmington	Kenduskeag	New Limerick	Raymond	Sweden
Alexander	Canaan	Fayette	Kennebunk	New Portland	Readfield	Temple
Alfred	Cape Elizabeth	Fort Fairfield	Kennebunkport	New Sharon	Richmond	Thomaston
Alna	Caribou	Fort Kent	Kingfield	New Sweden	Ripley	Thorndike
Alton	Carmel	Frankfort	Kittery	New Vineyard	Robbinston	Topsham
Andover	Carrabassett Valle	•	Knox	Newburgh	Rockland	Trenton
Anson	Casco	Freedom	Lamoine	Newcastle	Rockport	Troy
Appleton	Castine	Freeport	Lebanon	Newfield	Rome	Turner
Arrowsic	Castle Hill	Frenchville	Leeds	Newport	Roque Bluffs	Union
Arundel	Charleston	Friendship	Levant	Newry	Roxbury	Unity
Athens	Chebeague Island	Fryeburg	Lewiston	Nobleboro	Rumford	Van Buren
Atkinson	Chelsea	Gardiner	Liberty	Norridgewock	Sabattus	Vassalboro
Auburn	Cherryfield	Garland	Limerick	North Berwick	Saco	Veazie
Augusta	Chester	Georgetown	Limestone	North Haven	Saint Agatha	Verona Island
Baileyville	Chesterville	Gilead	Limington	North Yarmouth	Saint George	Vienna
Baldwin	China	Glenburn	Lincoln	Northfield	Sanford	Vinalhaven
Bangor	Clifton	Gorham	Lincolnville	Northport	Sangerville	Waldo
Bar Harbor	Clinton	Gouldsboro	Linneus	Norway	Scarborough	Waldoboro
Bath	Corinna	Grand Isle	Lisbon	Oakland	Searsmont	Wales
Beddington	Corinth	Gray	Litchfield	Ogunquit	Searsport	Waltham
Belfast	Cornish	Greenbush	Littleton	Old Orchard Beac	hSebago	Warren
Belgrade	Cornville	Greene	Livermore	Old Town	Sebec	Washburn
Belmont	Cranberry Isles	Greenville	Livermore Falls	Orland	Sedgwick	Washington
Benton	Cumberland	Greenwood	Long Island	Orono	Shapleigh	Waterboro
Berwick	Cushing	Guilford	Lovell	Orrington	Sherman	Waterford
Bethel	Damariscotta	Hallowell	Lubec	Otis	Shirley	Waterville
Biddeford	Deblois	Hampden	Ludlow	Otisfield	Sidney	Wayne
Bingham	Dedham	Hancock	Lyman	Owls Head	Skowhegan	Weld
Blue Hill	Deer Isle	Hanover	Machias	Oxford	Smithfield	Wells
Boothbay	Denmark	Harpswell	Machiasport	Palermo	Solon	West Bath
Boothbay Harbor	Dexter	Harrington	Madawaska	Palmyra	Somerville	West Gardiner
Bowdoin	Dixfield	Harrison	Madison	Paris	Sorrento	West Paris
Bowdoinham	Dixmont	Hartford	Manchester	Parkman	South Berwick	Westbrook
Bowerbank	Dover-Foxcroft	Hartland	Mariaville	Parsonsfield	South Bristol	Westfield
Bradford	Dresden	Hebron	Mars Hill	Passadumkeag	South Portland	Westport Island
Bremen	Durham	Hermon	Mechanic Falls	Patten	South Thomaston	Whitefield
Brewer	East Machias	Hiram	Medford	Pembroke	Southport	Whiting
Bridgewater	East Millinocket	Holden	Medway	Penobscot	Southwest Harbor	_
Bridgton	Eastbrook	Hollis	Mercer	Perham	Springfield	Willimantic
Bristol	Easton	Hope	Mexico	Perry	Standish	Wilton
Brooklin	Eastport	Houlton	Milbridge	Peru	Starks	Windham
Brooks	Eddington	Hudson	Milford	Phillips	Stetson	Windsor
Brooksville	Edgecomb	Indian Twp Res	Millinocket	Phippsburg	Steuben	Winslow
Brownfield	Eliot	Industry	Milo	Pittsfield	Stockton Springs	Winter Harbor
Brownville	Ellsworth	Island Falls	Minot	Pittston	Stoneham	Winterport
Brunswick	Embden	Isle au Haut	Monmouth	Plymouth	Stonington	Winthrop
Buckfield	Enfield	Islesboro	Monroe	Poland	Stow	Wiscasset
Bucksport	Etna	Jackman	Monson	Porter	Strong	Woodland
Burlington	Eustis	Jackson	Montville	Portland	Sullivan	Woolwich
Burnham	Exeter	Jay	Morrill	Pownal	Sumner	Yarmouth
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